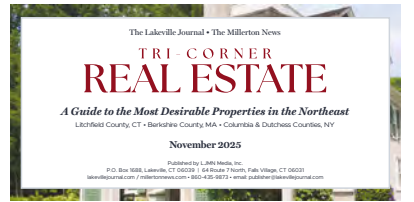




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Special, Inside

By ALY MORRISSEY
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"This milestone is a significant one," Farr-Killmer said. "It



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

has been a work in progress that individuals have poured a lot of their time and effort into." She acknowledged that while it may have seemed like progress was slow, this

In the weeks after the fire, Farr-Killmer visited the charred building almost daily and documented damage to the structure and inventory. She said the fire itself

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By NATHAN MILLER
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Officials say the issue stems from Miller's use of an old cover page that included Klingner's digital signature. Miller, who serves as the town's budget officer, said the incident was un-

"I'm legally responsible for receiving and certifying the budgets, and my responsibility was

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By **NATHAN MILLER**
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Panels of candidates rotated across the stage, answering questions submitted beforehand and impromptu questions from audi-

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PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN MURRAY

Millerton and North East residents crowded into the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex on Friday, Oct. 24, to hear from 10 candidates seeking office.



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OUR TOWNS

Millerton Fire Commissioners adopt \$787K budget

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — The North East Fire District held a public hearing Tuesday, Oct. 21, to review its proposed 2026 budget. With no public comment, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the \$787,813 plan during its regular monthly business meeting, which followed.

Fire District Chair Dave McGhee read a resolution to override the tax levy limit established under New York’s General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the 2026 budget year. In a roll-call vote, the Board approved the resolution and adopted the budget.

The 2026 budget represents a 2% increase, consistent with the district’s typical year-over-year growth. The 2025 budget was \$771,366 and the 2024 budget was \$756,222.

Among the largest line items is the Capital Apparatus Reserve Fund, earmarked at \$100,000. This includes

funds for general equipment, which could go toward a new Quick Attack truck — a small, 4-wheel-drive vehicle designed to reach fires or emergencies quickly, even over rough terrain.

Property development also held a sizable line item of \$130,000. Recent improvement projects have included maintenance at the Millerton Fire House, including new floors, gutter replacement to prevent water damage and flooding that had been a common occurrence, new siding and paint and a heated walkway to manage snow and ice in the winter months.

As required under New York Town Law 181, the North East Fire District conducts this budget process annually, including a public hearing, providing residents with the opportunity to give feedback. Copies of the adopted 2026 budget are available for review at the Town Clerk’s office, the fire district secretary’s office and the Millerton Fire House.

Halloween haunted tunnel

By ALY MORRISSEY
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Kelly Roger, treasurer and fire police captain, is once again leading the spooky festivities at the Millerton Fire House this Halloween. Residents can walk through a haunted tunnel from 5–7 p.m., or until candy runs out.

At the end of the tunnel, Roger will be distributing blank “Santa Run” letters to local children whom reside in the Village

of Millerton or Town of North East for the now-annual Santa Run so they can submit their holiday wish list. “Our taxpayers are such wonderful people, and they give a lot. We want to support them and their children,” Roger said.

The Santa Run — a tradition born during COVID that has continued — delivers small gifts to children on Dec. 13 in mid-December, with the Big Guy himself making the rounds.

Listening session shines light on rural transportation issues

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — Transportation challenges in northeast Dutchess County took center stage last week during a listening session held by the Dutchess County Transportation Council at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex.

The event, held Oct. 22, was part of the Council’s effort to update its Coordinated Public Transit–Human Services Transportation Plan, which aims to “improve mobility for older adults, people with disabilities, low-income individuals and others who struggle to access reliable transportation.”

Data included in the 2021 version of the plan reveals the Town of North East and Village of Millerton have higher-than-average percentages of older adults, a group especially affected by limited transportation options.

“As people age, their need for services and transportation increases,” the plan states. “Given that we expect an increase in our older population, we can expect to see a concurrent increase in the demand for services that allow people to age in place and remain socially engaged.”

And yet, options remain limited in the northeastern part of the county.

In their presentation, the DCTC outlined the early stages of the six-month data collection and community

feedback process. They acknowledged the region’s unique challenges — its distance from Poughkeepsie, smaller population and proximity to the Connecticut border.

In attendance was Martha Shultz, site manager for the Dutchess County Office for the Aging’s Friendship Center in Millerton. Shultz said she joined the meeting as an advocate for the members who regularly take advantage of the Friendship Center’s meals, activities and sense of community — many of whom face daily struggles getting to medical appointments, grocery stores and social activities.

Shultz said she also encouraged several of her center’s participants to join the session so that county officials could hear directly from those most affected. “It’s one thing for me to say something, but to hear it from the people who really need it is different,” she said.

“I often get calls from people who are looking for information about transportation,” Shultz added. “I usually refer



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

Rural Health Fall Fest highlights care options

The Sun River Health Center in Amenia welcomed visitors to its Rural Health Fall Fest on Wednesday, Oct. 22. Assembling for a photo at Sun River’s booth were, left to right, Cherise McDaniel, Director; Crystal Marr, Associate Vice-President of Substance Use Disorders; Yvette Ramirez, Outreach Coordinator; and Elizabeth Phillips, Vice-President of Community Engagement.



Representing Astor Services of Poughkeepsie was Athena Galarza, the home-based services coordinator, visiting with Alexa Cruz, 10, who had come through Astor’s Head Start program some years earlier.



Nuvance Health Community Relations Associate Griffin Cooper is enthusiastically visiting the Northeast Community Center’s booth. Representing the NECC is Raquel Echevarria, Transportation Programmer, at left, and Jessica Raymond, Family Program Director.



Alexa Cruz, 10, learned about medical testing procedures during a demonstration offered by Jim Hutchison, Clinical Navigator at Sharon Hospital.

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Public Hearing on 2026 Amenia town budget scheduled for Nov. 6

By **LEILA HAWKEN**
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AMENIA — Following weeks of meetings and review, the 2026 Preliminary Town Budget is scheduled for a public hearing on Thursday, Nov. 6, during the Town Board meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

The 2026 proposed budget shows total appropriations of \$3,355,262 for the General Fund and \$1,338,902 from the Highway Fund, or a total of \$4,694,165, an increase

of \$543,570 over the current year.

Once expected revenues are applied, the General Fund amount is reduced to \$1,930,638 and the Highway Fund to \$906,562, for a total of \$2,837,201 that will need to be raised by taxes, an increase of \$143,126 over the current year.

A significant increase in the cost for ambulance service is anticipated, showing a total of \$639,900, an increase of \$159,138 over 2025 levels. The cost for the coming year

is nearly 20% of the General Fund.

If the 2026 Preliminary Budget is approved, the mill rate for total town taxes would be 2.9% lower than the mill rate was in 2025. The total number of taxed properties in 2025 was 2,005, while in 2026, the taxable properties have seen an increase to 2,027.

The preliminary budget is posted on the town website at www.ameniany.gov. Printed copies are available in the Town Clerk's office.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN MILLER

Millerton officials set Halloween curfew for 9:30 p.m.

By **ALY MORRISSEY**
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MILLERTON — A 9:30 p.m. curfew will be in effect in the Village of Millerton on Halloween night for children under the age of 16. The Village Board of Trustees approved the curfew during its business meeting on Monday.

The board noted that while the decision comes just days before Halloween, information about the curfew will be shared through the Village's Facebook page, its new Text-MyGov alert system and local school email notifications to help spread the word.

During her regular update, Mayor Jenn Najdek acknowledged the anticipated demolition of the former Water and Highway Building. "Demolition is moving along — it's far

more complicated than we thought because of air quality concerns."

With a focus on safety, Najdek said that as the building and its rubble are demolished, everything is being treated as contaminated debris. She said, "Air quality and safety are being carefully monitored during the cleanup, and things are moving forward."

During Monday's meeting, the Board also voted to appoint Andrew Rebillard as interim chair of the Planning Board to fill the vacant seat. His term will run until June 30, 2026.

The move comes amid ongoing participation issues on both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Najdek and Village Clerk Lisa Cope noted that several residents have recently expressed

interest in joining the boards — a positive sign after months of vacancies.

Still, continued volunteer challenges have prompted early discussions about a potential merger between the two boards.

"This is just an introduction to the idea," Najdek said, adding that the possibility will be discussed in greater detail at the Nov. 10 workshop meeting. "We'll be consulting with legal counsel on what's possible. It's a process that would take time and would likely not happen until after June 30, if it does move forward."

Najdek said the main priority for now is to fill the open seats on both boards so that projects can continue to move forward while the consolidation discussion unfolds.

Halloween comes early

A steady stream of costumed trick-or-treaters took candy from the trunks of Amenia residents and visitors from out of town for a pre-Halloween Trunk-or-Treat at the Four Brother's Drive-in in Amenia on Saturday, Oct. 25. Below, River Rohan showed off his fiercest face in his wolfman costume after making sure his woolly and clawed gloves were secure.



Amenia seeking volunteers for open positions

By **LEILA HAWKEN**
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AMENIA — The Town of Amenia has recently announced several boards and committees needing volunteers to step up and apply. The principal requirement is that the applicant be a resident of Amenia.

Openings exist on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, where alternates are needed. There are also anticipated openings on the Boards of Assessment, Ethics, the Recreation Commission, the Community Advisory Committee, Enhancement Committee, Wastewater Committee,

Housing Board and Water Committee.

"Every year, as terms expire, it creates a vacancy," explained Town Clerk Dawn Klingner, commenting on Tuesday, Oct. 21. She added that on occasion, a seated volunteer will step down, making a vacancy.

As a quorum is required to vote on agenda items, the absence of members impacts the work of that board or committee.

Seeing town service as a way to learn more about town governance, Klingner urged residents to become involved in what makes the town a community.

If interested, send resume and cover letter expressing interest to the Town Clerk at dmklingner@ameniany.gov or mail to Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner, 4988 Route 22 Amenia NY 12501. Application deadline is Nov. 13, 2025, at noon.

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Sweets and reads

Books and Cake, a new store offering books — and cake — opened in Hillsdale on Saturday, Oct. 25. The part-bookstore, part-café has bookshelves organized into common themes, so readers can shop by mood to find the perfect book for what they’re looking for. A rotating selection of cakes will always include at least one chocolate or vanilla. The store will be open weekly Thursday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New stained-glass window honors local medal of honor recipient

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — Grace Church in Millbrook was filled to capacity to observe the dedication of the new stained-glass window on the west façade on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Area clergy, parishioners and the community gathered to participate in the historic event, a ceremony led by the Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins, Rector of Grace Church.

The new window honors the lives of three individuals — a Korean War Medal of Honor recipient, a former First Lady, and a 15th-century English saint and mystic.

“What Johnson did was incredible,” said Gary Cifferi, member of the Charles Johnson Medal of Honor VFW Post 9008 of Millbrook.

“We always knew he was a hero,” said Johnson family member Edward Johnson Jr., representing the large contingent of family members present. Johnson noted that it had taken 70 years to recognize Charles Johnson’s extraordinary courage with the award of the Medal of Honor in a January 2025 ceremony at the White House led by former President Joseph Biden. He added that the family is thankful that his memory has been kept alive.

During his Korean War service in 1953, Pfc. Charles Johnson demonstrated extraordinary valor in saving the lives of 10 of his fellow



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Honoring courage, faith and righteousness in the lives of three whose earthly accomplishments have earned them recognition in stained glass, the newly-installed window panels at Grace Church were officially dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 25.

soldiers, some with injuries, by drawing enemy fire. Placing himself in danger to save the men of his unit, he was killed.

The left panel of the new church window memorializes Johnson who is depicted standing in a barren landscape carrying a 17-year-old wounded infantryman to safety.

The right window panel of three honors the memory of former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt whose life had brought her close to Millbrook, including her later years in Hyde Park.

The Right Rev. Alan Shin remembered Eleanor Roosevelt as “a person who fought for justice and equality for all people, a lifelong public advo-

cate, embracing the humanity of all people.”

A panel of readers presented excerpts from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in 1948 by the United Nations General Assembly. Eleanor Roosevelt had been instrumental in its creation and adoption.

“A life of compassion and strength, a champion of human rights,” Shin described the life of the former First Lady, depicted in the window amid blue blooming flowers.

Rev. Shin recalled former First Lady Roosevelt’s words, “You must do the things you think you cannot do.”

“She found courage by being faithful,” Shin said.

Calkins recounted the lengthy process of creating

the window. “We made many drawings. The window represents a balance in gender, with two lay heroes known locally, Pfc. Johnson and Eleanor Roosevelt.

The third panel honors Saint Julian, widely credited with having produced the oldest English-language work known to have been written by a woman, “Revelations of Divine Love.”

“Her story was all about love, a journey of faith,” Calkins said.

The three panels of the new window invite contemplation of courage, faith and righteousness, the overarching theme of the dedication ceremony.

“Let us all work toward more courage, faith and righteousness in the name of love,” Calkins said.

“We are thankful that the window project happened here and at this point in history,” said the Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher, Bishop of Western Massachusetts, at close of the service. He had served Grace Church in Millbrook between 2000 and 2012, returning to take part in the event.

The new window was designed by artist Chris Duke Gerbi whose history with Grace Church spanned the 1980s and 1990s. She is now a resident of Corning, New York.

“I am proud to have been part of a project so hopeful, so life-giving,” she commented in the dedication bulletin.

Pine Plains Festival of Short Films set for the weekend

By NATHAN MILLER
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PINE PLAINS — Patrick Trettenero is making the final preparations for the Stissing Center’s upcoming Pine Plains Festival of Short Films, set for Saturday, Nov. 1, and Sunday, Nov. 2.

Tickets are still on sale at thestissingcenter.org for \$30 per night for adult tickets and \$15 per night for student tickets.

The film festival is part of a fundraising effort to purchase film screening equipment for the Stissing Center, Executive Director Patrick Trettenero said.

Currently, the center shows films using a consumer-grade Epson digital projector and a makeshift screen. And although the auditorium’s loudspeaker system is professional, acoustics in the space are more suited for live musical performance than film, Trettenero said.



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Rory Chase of Chaseholm Farm in Pine Plains was featured in Murphy Birdsall and Keith Reamer’s film “Our Farms, Our Farmers.”

So he set out on a mission to upgrade, and started using his connections within the center’s Film Advisory Board and the northeast Dutchess County filmmaking community at large to assemble a lineup of films for a charity film fest.

The lineup is a veritable who’s-who of the local filmmaking scene, featuring 10 films from directors and animators from Pine Plains, Stanford, Ancramdale, Poughkeepsie, LaGrangeville

and Pleasant Valley.

Filmmakers Murphy Birdsall and Keith Reamer co-directed “Our Farms, Our Farmers,” a documentary on three dairy farms in north Dutchess and south Columbia counties.

They said the project started out with simply filming local family farms for the Little Nine Partners Historical Society in Pine Plains.

“It was much more cut and dry,” Reamer said.

“But then it became a mov-

ie,” Birdsall followed.

The film follows life and work on three area farms — Chaseholm, Ronnybrook and Lo-Nan — showing three distinct approaches to the dairy business.

And the farmers got into the challenges they faced, Birdsall said, sometimes emphatically.

“Anything from the price of milk, which can be pretty brutal,” Reamer said, to the ever-expanding collection of milk and dairy alternatives offered at grocery stores.

Other films on the schedule include Brian Gersten’s “Hollywood’s Mermaid: The Esther Williams Story,” animated short “A Cow in the Sky” by C. Fraser Press and Darren Press, “Pete’s Jeeps” by Matt Bartolomeo, “Mr. Marty Pants” by Patrick Trettenero and others over the course of the two nights. Each showing will include a Q&A with the filmmakers.

OBITUARIES

Joan Jardine

TORRINGTON — Joan Jardine, 90, of Mill Lane, passed away at home on Oct. 23, 2025. She was the loving wife of David Jardine.

Joan was born Aug. 9, 1935, in Throop, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Joseph and Vera (Ezepchick) Zigmont.

Joan graduated from Harding High School.

She was a working artist for much of her adult life, starting her career studying plein air impressionist oil painting at the Cape Cod School of Art. Her work evolved to include a more representational style, and eventually a large body of abstract pieces. Her award-winning work has been shown in galleries and juried art shows throughout

southern New England.

She is survived by her daughter Leslie and her husband George, brothers Joseph, Victor, and their families, nephews Gregory, Christopher, and their families, daughter-in-law Huang, and the extended Jardine family. She was predeceased by her son Douglas, and brother Michael.

A memorial service will be held at All Saints of America Orthodox Church, 313 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury, Connecticut on Thursday, Oct. 30, at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the All Saints of America Orthodox Church, PO Box 45, Salisbury, CT 06068.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



Carol Kastendieck

A Celebration of Life for Carol Kastendieck will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025 at 2 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Salisbury, 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support Hamm and Ahearn

I am writing this letter in support of Nicole Ahearn (R) for Amenia Town Board and Rosanna Hamm (D) for Amenia Town Supervisor. Even though these two candidates belong to different parties, they have worked collaboratively to do what is best for Amenia.

Rosanna and Nicole con-

sistently speak up to get information on issues that come before the board. There is a lot to learn after getting elected, and they have put in the time to do that. But most importantly they are working for their community, not their party or their own agendas. And they have approached any issues as lead-

ers and problem-solvers, after years of inaction on needed repairs.

As you go to vote, please resist those who ask you to support your party. Please support the candidates who you think will do their best for Amenia, and please vote!

Judy Moran

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Building resilient local community food systems

Since the closure of the ill-fated Millerton Fresh Market in 2019 and the closure of the McEnroe Farm Stand and Eatery in 2024, Millerton and the Town of North East community have been deprived, until recently, of any local store to shop for produce, meat, and other food staples.

A recent article that appeared in The Millerton News updating residents on the ongoing delays faced by the Choe’s led with the statement “Millerton residents eager for new food market will have to wait a little longer,” and yet the article made no mention of the nutrient dense, locally sourced food available at the Tri Corner FEED Market. This omission has been made by other public figures — like Town of North East Supervisor Chrisopher Kennan — who also failed to make any mention of the opening of the

market in his remarks about the food desert in Millerton at the North East Community Center’s Chef and Farmer Brunch this summer.

While it is understood that the community will benefit tremendously from the Choe’s market opening, the reporting fails to capture the importance of community supported agriculture and our efforts to strengthen our local food system. Tri Corner FEED offers a wide range of proteins, vegetables and dairy sourced from our local farmers that are healthy staples for everyone. A sliding scale pricing structure ensures all products are available to everyone regardless of their food budget.

It is important to recognize the efforts of the community to support one another and

the reporting by The Millerton News and public statements by our civic leaders continue to reinforce that we are reliant on grocery stores that do not create resilience in our food systems and our communities. We need to understand the value of supporting our local farmers and expanding food access while creating a community space where everyone is welcome.

FEED, as the market is called, is located at 56 South Center Street in the heart of the town of Millerton and currently serves over 400 customers a week. I hope more people visit FEED and experience a local, community-based grocery shopping experience.

James A. Quella

Sharon

More letters on page A5

Volunteers lead headstone up-righting effort

MILLERTON — In glorious sunshine, on Saturday, Oct. 25, a group of 13 volunteers gathered to up-right by hand some of the fallen grave-stones in a cemetery on Merwin Road.

The volunteer team was led by Jim Campbell and advised by experts George Beneke and Stan Scott who have carried out similar preservation maintenance projects in their own local cemeteries.

Armed with shovels, tam-pers, buckets and brushes, the team was able to up-right thirty stones in three hours and uncover many inscriptions that had been buried or lost over time. Bob Stevens from the Town Garage donated the special grit that was used to set around the stones once holes had been dug and the stones straightened.

Friends of Spencers Corners Burying Grounds, founded by Ralph Fedele of Millerton, has already created a grid map of the entire cemetery courtesy of Millerton’s Laurie Kerr. Using this, plus archi-



PHOTO PROVIDED

Volunteers with the Friends of Spencers Corner Burying Ground up-righted headstones on Saturday, Oct. 25.

val lists of those interned, the group will be able to match missing names and inscriptions with actual stones.

Going forward, it is hoped to assemble the team for an encore up-righting effort,

possibly before the end of the year if the weather holds.

Friends of Spencers Corners Burying Ground are looking for more volunteers — especially those with muscle and tractors — to assist with the project. Applications are also being prepared for state and county grants to fund more extensive preservation work, especially on some of the larger obelisks and stones where heavy machinery will be required.

Please contact Claire Goodman for more information: wynnego741@gmail.com

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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice
Brevi Properties LLC

Brevi Properties LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 8/27/2025. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 16 Peaceable Way Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: Real estate management. Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

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Legal Notice

Silent Mind Apparel, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/09/2025. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 593. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Legal Notice

The Board of Trustees of the Evergreen Cemetery Inc. have scheduled a lot owners and general business meeting on November 1, 2025 at 10:00am.

The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post #426 located at 9 North Main Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567.

10-23-25
10-30-25

NOTICE OF
FORMATION OF
LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY

NAILED BY ALYSSIA LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC) located in Dutchess

County, New York by filing Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State (NYSS) on July 15, 2025. Alyssia Morton Beliveau is designated as registered agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Alyssia Morton Beliveau will be mailed any process against it served to 579 Carpenter Hill Road, Pine Plains, NY 12567. The purpose is to engage in any lawful business practice.

NOTICE OF
SUBMISSION OF
QUESTION
TO VOTERS OF THE
TOWN OF NORTH
EAST
AT NEXT GENERAL
ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to NYS. Education Law §259(1) (b), and in accordance with the provisions of the N.Y.S. Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of North East at the General Election to be held on the fourth day of November, 2025:

SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE NORTH EAST - MILLERTON LIBRARY BE INCREASED BY FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE SUM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY?

Further notice is hereby given that said election shall be held at the 28 Century Boulevard in the Village of Millerton on the fourth day of November 2025, and that the polls will be open on that day between the hours

of 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM in addition to Early Voting location and options.

Elizabeth Strauss
Town Clerk, Town of
North East
10-23-25
10-30-25

Notice of Publication
SUPREME COURT OF
THE STATE OF
NEW YORK
COUNTY OF
DUTCHESS
Index No. 2025-51557
FORECLOSURE
SUPPLEMENTAL
SUMMONS
LLACG COMMUNITY
INVESTMENT FUND,

Plaintiff,
-against-
DONNA PARILLO,
AS HEIR, DEVISEE,
DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE
ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED;
BRENDA J. SWEENEY,
AS HEIR, DEVISEE,
DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE
ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED;
DONALD E. SWEENEY
AS HEIR, DEVISEE,
DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE
ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED;
EDWARD P. SWEENEY
AS HEIR, DEVISEE,
DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE
ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED;
JAMES RICHARD SWEENEY AS HEIR,
DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED;
ROSEMARY SWEENEY AS HEIR,
DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED;
SCOTT P. SWEENEY AS HEIR,
DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED;
THOMAS SWEENEY AS HEIR,
DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY,

DECEASED; RENEE PERRY AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EDWARD P. SWEENEY, DECEASED; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; “JOHN DOE #1- #50” and “MARY ROE #1- #50”, the last two names being fictitious, it being intended to name all other parties who may have some interest in or lien upon the premises described in the Complaint,
Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff’s attorney an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty days after service, or within thirty days after service is complete if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty days of service hereof. If you fail to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Trial is desired in the County of Dutchess. The basis of venue designated above is that the real property that is the subject matter of this action is located in the County of Dutchess.

NOTICE
YOU ARE IN DANGER

OF LOSING YOUR HOME.

If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the Summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: October 14, 2025
MCMICHAEL TAYLOR
GRAY, LLC

By: s/ Patricia Pirri, Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
3550 Engineering Drive,
Suite 260
Peachtree Corners, GA
30092

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OPEN VOLUNTEER
POSITION

TOWN OF AMENIA is seeking applications for the anticipated open volunteer positions on the

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Housing Board
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via mail to Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner, 4988 Route 22 Amenia NY 12501. Application deadline November 13, 2025 at Noon.
10-30-25

TOWN OF NORTH EAST
Millerton, New York
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of North East for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY, where it is available for inspection by any interested person Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board will meet and review said budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon at the North East Town Hall at 19 No. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY, at 7:30 PM, on the 13th day of November 2025, and at that hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

The proposed salaries of the following town officers are hereby specified:

Supervisor:
\$27,675
Councilmen (4):
\$ 6,200
Justices (2):
\$19,125
Town Clerk:
\$37,785
Assessor:
\$38,500
Dated: October 10, 2025
By Order of the
Town Board,
Elizabeth Strauss,
Town Clerk
10-30-25

Hear from candidates for comptroller and county court

By ALY MORRISSEY
alym@millertonnews.com

DUTCHESS COUNTY COURT JUDGE

Ned McLoughlin — Incumbent, Republican

Ned McLoughlin has served as Dutchess County Court Judge since 2015, presiding over some of the county's most serious criminal and civil cases. A lifelong resident of Dutchess County, McLoughlin has spent more than three decades in public service, including 23 years as a prosecutor and a decade as a judge.

"I'm most proud that during my 10 years on the bench, I have delivered severe sentences to those convicted of violent crimes, while also helping defendants overcome the illness of addiction using the tools of the court, as well as a myriad of programs designed to get people back to a law-abiding life and strengthen their families," McLoughlin said.

Community safety, combating addiction and providing access to mental health services are top priorities for McLoughlin. "The top three issues for the county are safety from violent crimes, confronting the scourge of



addiction from fentanyl and providing greater access for those with mental illness who find their way into the criminal courts," he said.

McLoughlin's career combines extensive courtroom experience with community engagement. He regularly meets with constituents at their doors, hosts hundreds of jurors for trial selection and opens his courtroom to high school classes to provide students with insight into the criminal justice system. "I attend community events to always hear the voices of my community and their concerns," he said.

McLoughlin spent more than two decades in the

Dutchess County District Attorney's Office, handling felony prosecutions including homicides, assaults and robberies. As Bureau Chief, he supervised senior assistant district attorneys and oversaw plea negotiations, grand jury presentations and trials.

McLoughlin has also served as an Acting New York State Supreme Court Justice since 2017, presiding over civil cases ranging from medical malpractice to foreclosures. He is a longtime adjunct professor of criminal justice at Marist College and has coached high school mock trial teams.

"I believe my 23 years as a successful prosecutor, having never lost a trial in county court, along with my 10 years on the bench – providing safety and help for defendants and victims – prove that I have the proper experience to continue in my role," McLoughlin said.

A lifelong Dutchess County resident, McLoughlin lives with his wife of 33 years and they share four children.

Kara Gerry — Democrat

Kara Gerry is running for Dutchess County Court Judge, bringing a career spent entirely in the county's courts and a lifelong connection to the community. She grew up in Dutchess County, attending Our Lady of Lourdes, Marist College and Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law. She and her husband, Niles, are raising their three children locally.

"I'm a lifelong Dutchess County resident," Gerry said. "Professionally, I've spent my entire career in our courts — first as a prosecutor, and now as a public defender. That experience on both sides of the courtroom has shown me the importance of balance — holding people accountable while also understanding the circumstances that lead them there."

Gerry said she is running because she believes justice should be both fair and compassionate. "I've seen where our system works and where it fails, and I want to help



build a court that keeps people safe while addressing the root causes of crime," she said.

Community safety is a central focus for Gerry, who also emphasizes fairness in sentencing. "People deserve to feel safe in their homes and neighborhoods," she said, adding that fairness and equality in sentencing is another priority. "No one's background, race or income should affect the outcome in court."

Gerry is also advocating for stronger access to treatment and rehabilitation programs. "Mental health, addiction services and education reduce repeat offenses and

strengthen families," she said. "Courts should be part of a solution, not just a system of punishment."

Her professional experience sets her apart from her opponent, Gerry said. "My opponent was only ever a prosecutor before he took the bench. I've been both a prosecutor and a public defender — I've seen justice from every angle. That balance matters." Gerry has worked directly with victims, families and people struggling with addiction and mental illness and says she will bring fairness, compassion and accountability, and "not ideology," to the bench.

Gerry said transparency and public trust are critical. "Judges can't take political positions, but they can listen. The public deserves a judiciary that reflects its values — fairness, accessibility and respect. My goal is to make justice something people can see and trust in every courtroom," she said.

DUTCHESS COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Dan Aymar-Blair — Incumbent, Democrat

Dan Aymar-Blair is the Democratic incumbent serving as Dutchess County Comptroller. Elected in 2024, he began his first term in January 2025 and brings more than 20 years of experience managing government budgets, including 15 years overseeing financial operations at the New York City Department of Education.

Most of Aymar-Blair's previous experience was in financial operations, managing not just budgets, but also human resources, facilities and other aspects of operations. Additionally, he served on the Beacon City Council for four years where he advocated for housing policy reforms, electrification initiatives and better public safety and emergency response capabilities.

Aymar-Blair said his motivation for running for Comptroller stemmed from a lifelong commitment to public service combined with his professional expertise. "This job brings those together. It's rewarding work, and I'm blessed to have an amazing team that shares that mission," he said.

Since taking office, Aymar-Blair has focused on increasing transparency and public engagement. He said his of-



fice's reports have been read five times more than any previous reports from the department, and he has hosted 11 town halls around the county to listen and educate residents on budgets and county operations. "I've always envisioned this office not just as a tool for improving government, but also for educating the public. People have been very responsive to that," he said.

Aymar-Blair said his independence allows him to approach issues objectively. Unlike his opponent, he says, "I haven't been in the county legislature for 10 years making policy, so I can look at everything through clear eyes and total objectivity. I don't have to pull any punches because of alliances or past commitments. I can just do the work freely, unencumbered by politics."

Key priorities for Aymar-

Blair include housing affordability, cost-of-living concerns, efficiency in government and oversight of large real estate projects. He is also monitoring how the county uses artificial intelligence, ensuring privacy protections are in place for residents.

"A big part of my job has been to demystify the Comptroller's Office — to help people understand what it is, why it matters and how it can be an agent of change," he said. "Every day my office is auditing claims. We'll kick back a payment for \$1.5 million if it's not appropriate — and we'll do it with the same zeal for a \$12 payment. It's all about accuracy and accountability."

For Aymar-Blair, the role is about serving the community first. "Partisanship doesn't matter here. My job as Comptroller is to ensure that the work is nonpartisan," he said. "Dutchess County is almost a microcosm of the United States — you can be in downtown Poughkeepsie and half an hour later be in the rolling hills of northeastern Dutchess. It's absolutely gorgeous. I'm proud to help it run well for the people who live here."

Will Truitt — Republican

Will Truitt is a Republican candidate for Dutchess County Comptroller, seeking to bring a decade of experience in county government and private sector financial management to the office. A lifelong Dutchess County resident, Truitt has spent the past 10 years serving in the county legislature while simultaneously managing finances for Metzger Construction and several small water utility companies for the past eight years.

"I'm a lifelong Dutchess County resident. I've lived here all 30 years of my life," Truitt said. He attended FDR High School in Hyde Park and went to Marist College, where he studied business finance and accounting and minored in economics.

Truitt said his interest in public service started early. As a freshman at Marist, he interned in County Executive Marc Molinaro's office, learning how the county's now \$631 million budget is crafted. At just 19, Truitt ran for the legislature against an incumbent and won, beginning a decade-long career in county government.

"Once I graduated from Marist, I began full-time work at Metzger Construction in Hopewell Junction." Truitt describes the company as a small, family-owned business doing multimillion-dollar work each year. "I manage money for a living. Between



that private sector experience and my 10 years of public service, I believe it's the perfect blend to be our next county comptroller," Truitt said.

Truitt added that he is running to serve all residents and ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely. "There's no way to serve as a Republican or Democratic comptroller," he said. "You're in that office solely to keep a watchful eye over taxpayer dollars. A comptroller who's looking to push a political agenda would not be in the best interest of our county."

Key priorities for Truitt include sustaining Dutchess

County's strong financial footing, maintaining its double A-plus bond rating and analyzing contracts to ensure emergency medical services remain efficient amid declining volunteer numbers. He also emphasizes supporting small businesses and tourism, which make up a large portion of county revenue.

"My father was a police canine sergeant in Hyde Park and was always involved in the community. I think that's where my interest started," Truitt said. "I've knocked on over 7,000 doors across all of Dutchess County's towns, cities and villages. People should know who is representing them. When you meet people face to face, you get to learn their big concerns and that gives you the insight to do the job better."

Truitt said his campaigns have always been grassroots-focused. "Regardless of the outcome of the election, I'm proud that I've been able to serve Dutchess County for the last 10 years."

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WATER DEPT. *Continued from Page A1*

was only the beginning, and pointed out that navigating insurance, rebuilding plans and deadlines have been hidden challenges.

The demolition marks the first physical step toward rebuilding. Farr-Killmer and Village leaders are developing plans for two replacement facilities — one for the Highway Department and another for the Water Department, designed to meet modern building codes and accommodate future needs.

“For the Village, it means

we are starting from scratch, but things will continue to run smoothly, efficiently and effectively,” Farr-Killmer said.

With demolition underway, the Village of Millerton will begin a new chapter — one that will be complemented by the upcoming renovations that are planned at Eddie Collins Memorial Park. Construction for that major project, which will include a short-course Olympic pool and pool house, is scheduled to begin in July 2026 after the 175th celebration.

INVESTIGATION *Continued from Page A1*

taken from me when someone else used my signature and seal without my knowledge or consent,” Klingner said.

Miller reports directly to Blackman, who serves as chief financial officer for Amenia as part of his duties as Town Supervisor. As budget officer, Miller said he assists in drafting the budget but has no other control over the town’s finances.

Miller said he has cooperated with the investigation.

“The town board — I think rightly — engaged the town’s

labor attorney to look into it, and so I completely support that process,” Miller said. “But that process should play out, in my opinion.”

The investigation comes as Miller, who is running for Town Board, faces a wave of rumors in the days leading up to the election that he said are unfounded. Rumors — which surfaced on now-deleted public posts on FaceBook — range from breaking in to the Town Clerk’s office to forging notary seals.

“There are a lot of extremely

false accusations being thrown at me, which to me, looks very much like a political hack job,” Miller said, noting the election is just days away. “It’s almost bordering on libel at this point.”

Klingner said her report only concerned improper process in submitting the tentative budget and denied Miller

broke into her office or forged a notary seal.

“I don’t want this to become a political matter,” Klingner said. “It’s not good for this board or this town — and I respect the work that Charlie has done here — but this is not the first time that we’ve had issues with process.”

KEANE STUD *Continued from Page A1*

four lots to be set aside for conservation and equestrian use. Two of the preserved parcels would remain forested as conservation areas, while the other two would support equestrian activities.

The 23 lots would be sized at 10 acres each. Since the entire area is within a designated Scenic Protection Overlay District, the layout requires Planning Board approval.

The proposal calls for the 23 lots to be served by three roads that presently exist as farm roads on the acreage, Feroe said, although the three roads would need to be improved for use.

“This is not a public hearing on the subdivision application,” Planning Board attorney Paul Van Cott said, noting that the decision will be made after the completion of the impact studies.

“There will be full public hearings on the impact studies and on the full Keane Stud subdivision application, perhaps two months from now,” Van Cott said.

Feroe reviewed maps of the property located on Depot Hill Road, off Old Route 22. Nine of the ten acres on each lot would be conserved.

“A full 90% of the site would be reserved for agriculture,” Feroe said, noting that no buildings are envisioned as part of the subdivision application. Purchasers of the lots would need to come before the Planning Board for site plan approval.

The Planning Board had asked the applicants to consider the effects of future potential residential build-out on the acreage.

“The goal is to continue to promote agriculture to preserve the rural character,” Feroe said, noting that the town’s comprehensive plan favors balance in development.

Since planning for the subdivision began in 2021, Feroe said, multiple project modifications have been made, in-

cluding reductions in size, removal of lots, and revisions to the layout. The maximum home footprint was scaled back, and the maximum home height reduced to 28 feet.

All development restrictions imposed by the Planning Board would be included in covenant deed restrictions to be adhered to by lot purchasers, Feroe noted.

Residents’ comments centered on the theme of a feared loss of agricultural heritage inherent to the community’s character, and the desecration of the view from the DeLaVergne Hill lookout to the west.

Resident George Bistransin spoke of diminished agriculture in the area and its impact on farming, noting that he now buys hay from a Salt Point supplier for his animals.

Mark Doyle, representing the Conservation Advisory Council, described potential impacts on water bodies and active farmland.

“There should be no division or construction on the viewshed area,” said resident Sharon Kroeger, secretary of the Committee to Save the View from DeLaVergne Hill, an organization dedicated to protecting the viewshed seen as key to the community’s identity.

Recalling his past experience serving on the Planning Board, Town Supervisor Leo Blackman spoke of the iconic view from DeLaVergne Hill, called by many the “Gateway to the Berkshires.”

Blackman said he was troubled by the idea that the unobstructed agricultural land would be broken up, suggesting the house lots should be separated from the agricultural expanse.

The next Planning Board meeting, on Wednesday, Nov. 12, is expected to include adoption of the final draft of the current scoping analysis. The study can be viewed in full on the town website.

CANDIDATES *Continued from Page A1*

ence members in the room.

Each candidate was given four minutes to make an introductory statement and one minute each to respond.

Election Day is set for Tuesday, Nov. 4, with polls open countywide from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Early voting began Saturday, Oct. 25.

North East Town Board candidates Rachele Grieco-Cole and Chris Mayville, each running unopposed for a two-year term; North East Town Justice candidate Casey McCabe and Family Court Judge candidate Tracy MacKenzie took the stage first.

North East Town Board

Grieco-Cole focused on her experience in grant-writing and fundraising during her opening remarks, promising to aid the town in securing funding for crucial projects.

Mayville, who has been on the board since 2023, highlighted concerns over the rising cost of emergency medical services — and ambulance service more specifically — and said he focuses on growth and development that works with the town’s values and needs.

Millerton resident Lenny Sutton asked the board candidates for a timeline on the wastewater treatment system.

“It’s still a recognized need in town,” Mayville said. “Unfortunately, the original grant that we anticipated getting was taken back.”

Mayville said town and village officials are still pursuing the wastewater treatment project and asked moderator John Coston, the former executive editor of the Lakeville Journal and Millerton News, if Village of Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek could offer an update from the audience.

“No,” Coston said to laughter in the room. “The Mayor’s off the hook tonight.”

A submitted question from North East resident Bill Kish centered on transparency in the town government.

“I’ve been attending North East Town Board meetings for many years, and in all that time I don’t think I can remember a meeting where the board actively discussed or debated an action they were contemplating,” Coston read on behalf of Kish. “Do you think this is the right way for government to function? If yes, why? If not, how would you change things?”

Grieco-Cole said she values robust debate and conversation, and asserted an appreciation of differing opinions.

“I’m pretty forthright and I speak my mind,” Grieco-Cole said. “And I believe in debate. I think it’s the bedrock of our democracy.”

Mayville offered a defense of his record while acknowledging he agrees with the premise of Kish’s question.

“If there’s a resolution up on the agenda and it’s not something I feel I have enough information on, or there hasn’t been — in my mind — adequate discussion,

I will and have asked that that be tabled so discussion can occur,” Mayville said. “Additionally, I’ve also asked for the Town Board to consider adding an additional meeting just for that purpose.”

Town Justice and Family Court Judge

North East Town Justice candidate Casey McCabe opened by explaining her role as the town’s sitting judge and how the local court system works.

“We are the court closest to the people,” McCabe said. The town court handles misdemeanor offenses, traffic tickets, landlord/tenant disputes and small claims suits.

“We work really hard to make sure the court is accessible, it’s user-friendly,” McCabe said.

Sitting Family Court Judge Tracy MacKenzie described her work on the county-wide bench of four judges handling custody and juvenile delinquency cases.

Both MacKenzie and McCabe are running unopposed for reelection.

Questions focused on bail. “Bail is not something we see very often,” McCabe said, explaining that misdemeanors don’t qualify for bail under New York State law. But bail is a tool, she said, that just needs to ensure people return to court at a later date.

Dutchess County Court Judge

Dutchess County Court Judge candidates Ned McLoughlin, an incumbent, and his challenger Kara Gerry took the stage second.

Gerry opened by outlining her career, beginning as a prosecutor in the Orange County District Attorney’s Office before moving briefly into private practice. She has spent the past 13 years with the Dutchess County Public Defender’s Office.

“People aren’t born criminals,” Gerry said. “Circumstances such as childhood abuse, poverty, homelessness, domestic violence, addiction, mental illness are really the driving factors that seem to push people into being charged with crimes.”

McLoughlin highlighted his 23-year career as a prosecutor in Dutchess County, saying he never lost a trial. He said he has presided over murders, burglaries, domestic abuse and other serious cases, also serving as a Supreme Court judge.

“When it comes to violence against women and children and vulnerable people, I’m known as a very strong, law-and-order judge,” McLoughlin said.

McLoughlin also mentioned addiction, saying habitual drug abuse is a disease that drives people to hurt those they love the most.

“The cases I’m really most proud of are the ones where I bring somebody in and they’re addicted,” McLoughlin said. “And I use the levers that I have to motivate them and encourage them to use an entire diner menu of programs that we have to get

them past it and be able to get back to their family.”

Questions for the candidates focused on the rule of law and how they would defend the U.S. Constitution. “A judge needs to handle every case that comes before the court with an open mind,” Gerry said. “Consider the individual, consider the background — but apply the law fairly, evenly and consistently.”

“The Bill of Rights and the criminal procedure is here to protect every one of us,” McLoughlin said. “When I see someone come into my courtroom it’s a very stressful moment for them. They’re afraid, they’re not sure what the future looks like. It’s my role to make sure they understand that they’ll be treated fairly.”

Dutchess County Legislature

County legislature candidates for District 19 Chris Drago, a Democrat, and Tonya Pulver, a Republican, took the stage next.

Drago, the incumbent representing Pine Plains, North East, Milan, Stanford and the Village of Millerton, highlighted his first-term record. He cited his work securing grant funding for low- and middle-income residents to build or upgrade accessory dwelling units through New York’s PlusOne ADU program and raising awareness about the rising cost of emergency medical services in rural areas.

Pulver, a school psychologist for the Millbrook Central School District, said she is running to expand mental health services and give voters a choice at the polls. Her husband, former Legislator A. Gregg Pulver, held the seat until Drago unseated him in 2023.

Both candidates asserted county government could be doing more for residents of northeast Dutchess County, saying mental health services and emergency medical services are major challenges for the region.

Drago noted his efforts to bring more accessible mental health care to the area, including arranging for the county’s Mobile Health Unit to visit Millerton monthly. Pulver said she would continue advocating for the Dutchess County Crisis Center and Mobile Crisis Center to strengthen mental health support.

Dutchess County Comptroller

Incumbent Democrat Dan Aymar-Blair, who was elected to serve the remainder of a term in a special election in November 2024, and his challenger Will Truitt, the current Chair of the County Legislature, took the stage last in the forum.

Aymar-Blair highlighted his career managing budgets and operations for New York City Public Schools and working in finance at Goldman Sachs. He said the comptroller must remain independent from policymak-

ers, arguing that a long tenure in the legislature should disqualify a candidate.

“I need, as comptroller, to look at the work that passes through our office with clear eyes and an objective lens,” Aymar-Blair said. “If I had been involved in passing that policy — if I had been in the county legislature for the past ten years — I would tell you that I should not be your comptroller.”

Truitt cited his 10 years in the county legislature and his experience as CFO of Hopewell Junction-based Metzger Construction. He said his experience on the budget and finance committee and now as chair prepared him to oversee county finances.

He studied finance and accounting at Marist University. “Most people would think, ‘Will, you like politics. Wouldn’t you have majored in political science?’” Truitt said. “No, because I never wanted politics to be a career. I wanted to make sure I had a background that prepared me for the real world — for the business world.”

Audience questions about government waste prompted Aymar-Blair to list a series of expenses that he said could have been avoided with proper planning.

Truitt countered that his legislative experience was an asset.

“Ten years serving in the legislature — while my opponent may think it’s not good experience — I do believe it’s good experience,” Truitt said. “Building relationships with our county employees and the people who do business here in the county.”

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The *ofrenda* at Race Brook Lodge.

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COMMUNITY: MIKE COBB

Día de los Muertos marks a bittersweet farewell for Race Brook Lodge

On Saturday, Nov. 2, the Race Brook Lodge in Sheffield will celebrate the Mexican Day of the Dead: El Día de los Muertos. Mexican Day of the Dead takes place the first weekend of November and honors *los difuntos* (the deceased) with *ofrendas* (offerings) on an altar featuring photos of loved ones who have passed on. Elements of earth, wind, fire and water are represented with food, *papel picada* (colorful decorative paper), candles and tequila left for the beloved deceased. The departed are believed to travel from the spirit world and briefly join the living for a night of remembrance and revelry. Music and events programmer Alex Harvey has been producing Día de los Muertos at Race Brook for the past three years, and with the closing of the venue looming, the festival takes on a deep and personal meaning.

“The anchoring gesture of Race Brook, long before I arrived on the scene, has always been to cultivate a space that thins the veil between the worlds. Something otherworldly is hiding in the mountain’s towering shadow: the whispering spring-fed stream, the dense lineage that founder Dave Rothstein brings, the woodsmoke that rises every night of the year from the firepits. This space communes with the spirits,” said Harvey. “And so we cradle a special ache in our hearts as the leaves turn and the beautiful dance of Race

Brook’s project of cultural pollination draws to a close. Fitting, then, to return for one last activation — Día de Los Muertos — a celebration of the end of things. A remembrance of those who’ve made the transition we are all destined for, but also a time when we honor many types of loss. And while we will all mourn those who aren’t there in the flesh, we will also, with humility, come as mourners for the space itself,” Harvey continued. The event will be a night to remember, to celebrate and to release with ritual, music, and communal remembrance. Participants are invited to bring photos, talismans and offerings for the *ofrenda* (offering), as well as songs, poems or toasts to share in tribute to loved ones who have passed. Mexican American musicians Maria Puente Flores, Mateo Cano, Víctor Lizabeth, Oviedo Horta Jr. and Andrea

from Pulso de Barro, an ensemble rooted in the Veracruz tradition of *son jarocho*, will be performing. Translating to “Pulse of the Clay,” their name reflects a deep connection to the earth and to the living heartbeat of culture itself. Through a synthesis of Mexican, Cuban, Venezuelan and Puerto Rican traditions, Pulso de Barro merges poetry, rhythm and communal song as pathways to coexistence with nature. Their performances feature the *jarana* and *leona* (stringed instruments), *quijada*, *cajón*, *maracas*, and *marimba* (percussion), the *tari-ma* (percussive dance platform) and a call-and-response of folk and original *versadas*. The evening begins at 6 p.m. in the Barn Space with a Fandango de los Muertos featuring Pulso de Barro, a Race Brook favorite. At 8 p.m., the Open Mic for the Dead invites guests to speak directly into the spirit

world — through word, music or memory. The night culminates at 10:30 p.m. with a Fandango for the Dead, a participatory music and dance celebration. Bring your instruments, your voices and your dancing shoes. Race Brook Lodge is a unique rustic getaway destination for relaxation, hiking, live music, workshops, weddings and more. Sadly, it will be closing for good later in 2026, ending a storied chapter of Berkshire music, art, culture and well-being. Come experience an evening that honors lost loved ones and the end of a Berkshire institution. The cycle of life endures. Surely, resurrection is in the cards for Race Brook Lodge. For Tickets and info, visit: rblodge.com



PHOTO BY EDWARD S. CURTIS

Canyon de Chelly (1904) – Seven Navajo riders on horseback

FILM: BRIAN GERSTEN

‘Coming to Light’ at Norfolk Library

At a time when questions of representation, cultural legacy and historical narratives are at the forefront of public conversation, the Norfolk Library’s upcoming screening of the award-winning documentary “Coming to Light” offers a timely opportunity for reflection. The event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 5:30 p.m., and will include a post-screening discussion with the film’s director, Lakeville resident Anne Makepeace. “Coming to Light” offers a deeply researched, visually rich portrait of photographer Edward S. Curtis, whose early 20th century mission to record Native American life resulted in tens of thousands of images, sound recordings and texts. But the film goes beyond biography, critically examining Curtis’ romanticized vision of Native American life and engaging with the descendants and communities whose lives and traditions

the photo archives continue to affect. Between 1896 and 1914, Curtis photographed over 80 tribes from Arizona to Alaska in an effort to capture Native American cultures he feared were disappearing.. “Curtis saw cultural genocide going on, and he feared these cultures would disappear,” Makepeace said. “He wanted to show these people are still here and these traditions are still happening.” In the late 1990s, when Makepeace was developing her film on Curtis — about a century after he had started his photographic work — she wanted to see how present-day Native Americans felt about his photographs. She found that while academics had long derided Curtis’ work as extractive, colonialist, and often staged, most Native Americans she spoke with were overwhelmingly appreciative of his work. In fact, some of Curtis’ photographs ultimately helped cer-

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ART: ROBIN RORABACK

Gallery of Dreams reopens in Sharon

Victoria Morse, director of Gallery of Dreams, welcomes those interested in local arts — and artists who create it — to 156 Gay St. in Sharon. Look for a sign at the side of the road and art on the front porch.

In the light-filled parlor room of the gallery, complete with a comfortable couch, Morse warmly greeted visitors and invited them to browse the art in the two intimate exhibit spaces. Morse’s posture revealed her life as a dancer

Morse’s husband, artist Bruce Morse, founded the gallery that he and Victoria ran together for many years. When he died in 2021, Victoria temporarily closed the gallery.

In the summer of 2024, she was ready to reopen. “Last year, I did tag sales and invited friends to join. Then we said, ‘Let’s have a pop-up shop.’” She liked it so much that she decided to reopen the gallery with an inaugural show on Aug. 29, 2025.

With partners and artists Katherine Gre-alish, Jane Capellaro and Harper Blanchet, who painted walls and worked out new lighting, she readied the gallery rooms.

The inaugural show features sculpture, collage, pottery, painting and jewelry, all from local artists. On display are work by her partners, as well as pieces by Cassandra, Karen and Scott Culbreth, Victoria



Victoria Morse, director of Gallery of Dreams

PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

and her late husband Bruce, Kara O’Neill, Tina Riley, and Diane and Joel Schapira. Morse described the immediate rewards. “As I was putting together this show, it struck me how much joy and love artists

put into their art and how much dedication they have.”

Morse sees putting up shows as “creating a story. I lay it out and see how things fit together.”

The next show will open Oct. 31 and will be a mix of work from new artists and new work from the artists of the inaugural show.

Morse said she is happy to look at portfolios. “I am looking for artists, crafts people, jewelry makers and unusual things.” She invites artists who might want to exhibit, or anyone with questions, to call her at 860-671-4651. A website is coming soon.

Gallery of Dreams is open Friday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.



PHOTO BY BILL MURPHY

Zombie art

The rocker/director Rob Zombie unveiled his first-ever art exhibition, “What Lurks on Channel X?” at an opening reception at Morrison Gallery in Kent on Oct. 25. Zombie (left) is pictured here with Jed Hotchkiss, an artist from Canaan. The exhibition will be on view until Nov. 16.

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tain tribes revive specific ceremonies.

“Coming to Light” premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, was shortlisted for an Academy Award in 2000, and was later aired on PBS’ “American Masters” in 2001. As the documentary nears its 25th anniversary, Makepeace reflected on the significance of the film and its lasting impact.

“The film shows the beauty and resilience of these cultures and the diversity of each of the varied tribes that were documented,” she said.

At a time when cultural preservation, national identity and documentary ethics are more important than ever, Makepeace said she believes the film’s mes-



PHOTO BY EDWARD S. CURTIS

Little Plume with his son Yellow Kidney (1911)

sage remains especially relevant in 2025.

For further details on the screening and to reserve a seat, visit: norfolklibrary.org/events/documentary-film-coming-to-light/

To see more of Makepeace’s work, visit: makepeaceproductions.com/index.html

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The silent film ‘Der Golem’ will be brought to life with a live klezmer-infused score at The Mahaiwe.

MUSIC: MIKE COBB

‘Der Golem’ comes alive at the Mahaiwe

On Sunday, Nov. 2, the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington will present a screening of Paul Wegener’s “Der Golem” (1920), accompanied by a live klezmer-infused score.

Conductor Jonathan Yates transforms traditional Yiddish folk melodies and Jewish liturgical music into a rich, cinematic soundscape performed live by clarinetist Saerom Kim and the Avalon String Quartet.

Wegener’s German Expressionist landmark film tells the haunting 16th-century legend of a clay figure brought to life to protect Prague’s Jewish community — only to turn on its creators. The film was a sensation on release, influencing works from operettas to the 1931 cult classic “Frankenstein.”

Regarding the relevance of the work, in a recent phone interview Yates said, “The reason movies like ‘Der Golem’ stay so relevant is that we, as humans, are quite capable of creating all sorts of monsters that turn on us. In terms of how it relates to modern technology, you need look no further than a movie like ‘1984,’ in some ways very much in the same genre as ‘Der Golem,’ for a vision of how AI might come back to haunt us!”

Israeli-born composer Betty Olivero’s evocative score heightens the film’s drama with color, urgency, and nuance, creating an unforgettable, fully immersive experience for both eyes and ears.

About the score and the challenges of producing it live, Yates said, “The process of putting together Betty’s inventive and colorful

score with the movie is challenging, but very fulfilling. A lot of film composers use a click track, so that every moment lines up exactly with their score, but Betty’s approach is freer. Though the timings and scenes are notated in the score, it’s the musician’s responsibility to make sure it all fits, which gives us more latitude in our interpretation. There are also moments in the work in which there is no music for the film so that you can appreciate the pure expressivity of the visual language, and times when the film is paused so you can just be invested in the music. While the music is extremely evocative and interacts in a thrilling way with the movie, it is more of a complete art piece than a traditional film score — and we think that makes it even more exciting.”

Violist Anthony Devroe added, “This is a return performance to Close Encounters With Music for the Avalon Quartet, but a debut performance for myself and Saerom, and we’re all just so thrilled and grateful to get to share this very special project. It’s a unique work — the combination of a masterpiece of a film with an inspired original score, written more than 70 years after the movie — it promises to be a very special afternoon.”

After each performance, audiences are invited to an “Afterglow” reception to meet the artists and mingle with fellow music lovers. Select concerts will also be available online, extending CEWM’s reach to listeners far beyond the Berkshires.

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LIFESTYLE: KERRI-LEE MAYLAND

Meet your new design consultants: your kids

As an interior designer, I’ve learned that sometimes the smallest voices in the room can have the biggest impact on a project. Over the years, more and more of my clients have begun looping their children into our design communication threads. Sometimes they’re quiet observers, other times they’re very vocal about what they love — or absolutely can’t stand. And more often than not, I’ll hear the parents say, “Well, that’s the one the kids agreed to, so we’ll go with that.”

And honestly, I love that.

Think about it: our homes are our children’s worlds. These are the spaces that will embrace them, shape them, and forever live in their memories. When they close their eyes years from now and think of “home,” they’ll picture the colors, textures, and feelings that surrounded them growing up. So yes, they deserve a seat at the design table.

Today’s kids, though, are a whole new generation of design-savvy. They’re not learning from HGTV or paging through glossy magazines like we once did. Their inspiration comes from TikTok, Instagram, and Pinterest, where they’re constantly fed aesthetics and visual trends. They can tell you if they’re “cottagecore” or “dopamine decorators,” and they know the difference between midcentury modern and Japandi faster than you can say “mood board.” (Just ask them to explain. It’s eye-opening.)

This constant exposure means they’ve developed strong opinions and surprisingly refined tastes. They see how spaces make them feel, and they want to recreate those moods at home. It’s not just about pretty rooms — it’s about self-expression and belonging. I’ve seen teenagers reference color palettes or layering techniques they picked up online and then ask how they can apply those ideas to their own bedrooms or shared family spaces. They’re thoughtful and pragmatic, often looking for ways to incorporate what they’ve seen without a full renovation. Sometimes that means rearranging furniture for better “flow,” or adding LED strips and plants for atmosphere. These little design experiments give them a sense of ownership and teach them how personal space and creativity intersect.

I was recently listening to Vern Yip on



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Katalina Mayland (age 14) in her bedroom.

the “How to Decorate” podcast from Ballard Designs, and he said something that struck me. He talked about designing his kids’ rooms as neutral palettes that could evolve with them. Instead of going all in on a theme or bold color that would need a total overhaul every few years, he kept the foundation versatile and layered in accessories and accents that could change as his kids’ interests did. It’s a brilliant approach — their spaces stay fresh and personal without becoming costly renovation projects every time they move from dinosaurs to drum kits.

The balance between giving kids a voice and maintaining long-term design sense is key. Let them express their personalities, but guide the process with materials and layouts that stand the test of time.

One of my favorite lessons came from my own son. When he was about 9, I asked how he

wanted to decorate his room. I was fully expecting something along the lines of navy walls and sports posters. Instead, he surprised me with “modern and sleek.” I blinked. We live in a Dutch Colonial, and I’ve always believed in keeping interiors somewhat true to the home’s architecture, so chrome and white lacquer weren’t exactly on my radar. But it was his space, so I leaned in. We painted the walls black, added modern lines and textures, and tied it all together with a few transitional elements and personal memorabilia. Now, as a college baseball player, his room still tells the story of who he was — and who he’s become.

My daughter, too, was inspired by a TikTok trend not so long ago, and we did her room in Roller Rabbit’s popular “Amanda” pattern — from the chair to the shams to the bedspread. Thankfully, it’s stood the test of time. She still

loves it, maybe even more now that it’s no longer a trend but simply something that feels like her.

Allowing kids to have that kind of ownership gives them a sense of pride and belonging. They’re not just growing up in a home — they’re growing up with it. Their opinions remind us, as designers and parents, that homes aren’t meant to be showpieces. They’re meant to be lived in, loved, and remembered.

So the next time you’re making a design decision — whether it’s a paint color, sofa fabric, or art for the hallway — ask the kids what they think. You might be surprised by their insight. And who knows? That one small choice might become the memory they carry with them forever, the color of home etched in their mind long after they’ve grown.

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NOVEMBER 1

Monthly Book Sale

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

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4 to 6 p.m. a group exhibition of the work of Laura Petrovich-Cheney, Tristan Fitch and Carolyn Millstein exploring transformation, resilience, and materiality through sculptural assemblage, ceramics, and stitched metalwork. Through Dec. 21.

Twelve Moons Coffee House Open Mic

The Center on Main, 103 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn.

Twelve Moons Coffee House returns Saturday, Nov. 1, with open mic at 6:30 p.m. Wanda Houston with the HBH Band will take the stage from 8 to 9 p.m. Guests are welcome to bring their own dinner and beverage or enjoy the venue's light refreshments.

Hotchkiss Philharmonic Orchestra with Alexander Hülshoff

Katherine M. Elfers Hall, Esther Eastman Music Center, The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn.

Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Admission: Free and open to the public

The Hotchkiss Philharmonic Orchestra presents acclaimed German cellist Alexander Hülshoff as soloist and conductor in a program of works by Haydn, Mozart, and Piazzolla.

Corn! Baking & Cooking Contest for All Ages

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Bakers and cooks of all ages, bring your favorite CORN dish to the library for a friendly competition. Breads, muffins, puddings, cakes, salads, chowders, fritters, bars, tortillas, salsas, popcorn balls ... all corn-containing creations are welcome! Win prizes and celebrate the harvest season. Saturday, Nov. 1, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 4

Turning 65: Thinking Ahead About Medicare with Sheri Wright

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Plan ahead for when you turn 65! This educational event is designed to help individuals approaching Medicare eligibility make informed decisions and avoid common enrollment pitfalls. Sheri Wright will provide clear, easy-to-understand guidance. Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Registration is required at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14962097.

NOVEMBER 5

Read Aloud to a Dog at Scoville Memorial Library

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Emerging readers and animal fans in grades Pre-K through 5 can practice their read-aloud (or pre-reading) skills with a trained therapy dog! Join us on Salisbury Central School's next early dismissal day!

Appointments are required. www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DAEA72CA6FAC52-59846379-read#/

Liberty and the American Experience with Professor Hamish Lutris

Torrington Historical Society, 192 Main St., Torrington, Conn. Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Professor Hamish Lutris will explore the evolving meaning of liberty in American history and key controversies surrounding it. The event is free, but space is limited. Registration is recommended via the Torrington Historical Society’s Eventbrite page or at torringtonhistorical.society.org.

NOVEMBER 6

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NOVEMBER 7

First Friday Music

Congregational Church of Salisbury, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music program on Friday, Nov. 7, at 12 p.m. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m. This month’s program features Kevin Dolan, also known as “The Old Guitarist.”

PIPPIN – Hotchkiss Dramatic Association

Walker Auditorium, The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn.

Nov. 7 to 9, Friday & Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Admission: Free and open to the public

The Hotchkiss Dramatic Association opens its 2025–26 season with PIPPIN, the Tony Award–winning musical by Stephen Schwartz. Directed by MK Lawson, this imaginative production follows Charlemagne’s son on a quest for meaning, blending powerful storytelling, music, and movement.

Banned Book Club

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

On Friday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Equity Project will host a Banned Book Club. This month we will be discussing the book "Looking for Alaska" by John Green. Copies of the book are available at the library. This group is open to anyone high school aged and older.

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Death By Design at Warner Theatre

Warner Theatre, 84 Main St., Torrington, Conn.

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NOVEMBER 9

The American Revolutionary War in the Northern Colonies with Thomas Key

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

On Sunday, Nov. 9, 4 to 5 p.m., learn how key battles in the Northern Colonies set the stage for victory against the British and for George Washington’s rise to glory. Also hear why Benedict Arnold turned traitor and why captured British troops marched through Salisbury. Registration is required at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15545135

Jane Leavy Writer Talk

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

Baseball writer Jane Leavy will be at Hotchkiss Library on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 4 p.m. for a discussion and signing of her new book, "Make Me Commissioner: I Know What’s Wrong With Baseball and How to Fix It." This free event is open to all, and books will be available for

purchase and signing. Registration is required: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/15490919

NOVEMBER 15

Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Join Claudia Cayne on Saturday, Nov. 15, 4 to 5 p.m., for a lively and informal discussion of the novel I’ll Come to You, by Rebecca Kauffman, "A warm-hearted new novel about a complicated family" (The New York Times Book Review). Registration is not required. All are welcome. Copies of I’ll Come to You are available for loan at the Scoville Library while supply lasts. For more information, visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

Sugar Skull! A Día de los Muertos Musical Adventure

The Stissing Center for Arts & Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.

Nov. 15, 2 p.m.

The Stissing Center presents *Sugar Skull! A Día de los Muertos Musical Adventure*, a vibrant bilingual performance that brings the cultural traditions of Día de los Muertos to life through music, dance and storytelling. A free Día de los Muertos dance workshop follows the performance.

West Cornwall Holiday Market

The Wish House, 412 Sharon-Goshen Tpke. (Route 128), West Cornwall, Conn.

Vendors selling crafts, gifts, baked goods and more.

Ulysses Quartet and Oskar Espina Ruiz

The Carriage House at Wethersfield, 257 Pugsley Hill Road, Amenia, N.Y.

Nov. 15 and 16, 3 p.m.

Join Music Mountain and Wethersfield for an afternoon of chamber music with the Ulysses Quartet and clarinetist Oskar Espina Ruiz. Due to high demand, two performances will be offered. Tickets: wethersfield.ticketspice.com/ulysses-quartet-2025-performances

Wish You Were Here Exhibition at The Hotchkiss School's Tremaine Art Gallery

Tremaine Art Gallery, 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn.

Nov. 15, opening reception 4 to 6 p.m. (through Jan. 25)

Artists’ Talk: Nov. 13 7 to 7:45 p.m.

A collaborative exhibition featuring works by Fern Apfel and Colleen McGuire, Wish You Were Here explores themes of place, memory, light, and loss through still life and landscape painting. Curated by Joan Baldwin.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. El __, Texas town
5. Rocker’s tool
8. A lot
12. Traveling by ground
14. Spelling competition
15. Two-toed sloth
16. Small perfumed bag
18. “Much __ about nothing”
19. Tough-skinned mollusk
20. Removes from record
21. It warms the planet
22. Leafy green
23. Quality of arriving favorably
26. Living thing
30. “Six of Crows” author Bardugo
31. Got around a rule
32. Resin from burned substance
33. Iraq seaport
34. Religious leaders
39. Fugitives are on it
42. Samson’s influencer
44. Italian city
46. A quality of lacking interest
47. Predatory tropical fishes
49. Nobel physician Isodor
50. Luck
51. Stationary part of a motor or generator
56. Orthopedic professional group (abbr.)
57. One point south of due east
58. It follows 79
59. Paper currency
60. Anger
61. Spanish seaport
62. Sleep in a rough place
63. Famous museum
64. Selfs

CLUES DOWN

1. Bullfighting maneuver
2. From a distance
3. Soul and calypso song
4. Expressions of delight
5. Lower in esteem
6. Inner region of an organ
7. Flowers
8. A bog
9. Remove a fastening

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10. Membranes
11. Enormous
13. One who abstains from drink
17. Malayan wild ox
24. Type of student
25. Rejecting all moral principles
26. Sino-Soviet block
27. Egyptian unit of weight
28. Wrong
29. Make a mistake
35. Indicates location
36. Boxing’s “GOAT”
37. Where wrestlers compete
38. Timid
40. Disney town
41. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
42. Male parent
43. Remove for good
44. Simple shoes

45. Flowers
47. Hindi courtesy title for a man
48. Not pleased
49. “Atlas Shrugged” author
52. CIA officer and writer
53. Hoodlum
54. __ Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
55. Woolen rugs

October 23 Solution

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Level: Intermediate

October 23 Solution

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OUR TOWNS

Millerton early fall home sales mostly below median sale price

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — Monthly county recordings of property transfers offer an objective look at what is actually selling in any town. In August and September, the Town of North East and the Village of Millerton recorded 10 transfers: six residential properties and four small parcels of land. Four of the homes sold for under \$500,000, well below the 12-month median for September of \$495,000, while one closed for more than \$6 million.

Homes currently listed for sale present a very different picture. Of the more than 20 residential properties on the market, eight are listed at above \$1 million and only five are priced below \$500,000. The million-dollar-plus homes have been on the market for an average of more than eight months.

August transfers
84 Beilke Road — 4 bedroom/1 bath home built in 1954 sold to Evan Cooper.
895 Route 83 — 3 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 45 acres built by architect Gilbert Schafer sold to Mick & Sadie LLC for \$6,180,000.
Route 22 (#075387) — 2.7 acres of vacant land sold to Right Time Properties for \$8,720.
September transfers
19 Dutchess Ave. — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on .1 acres



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201 Beilke Road built in 1957 on 0.8 acres was originally listed for \$425,000 and sold on August 28, 2025 for \$365,000 including in ground pool, deck and garage.

in the Village of Millerton sold to Leah McCloskey for \$420,000.
5884-5886 Elm Ave. — multiple dwellings on .41 acre in the Village of Millerton sold to 5884 S. Elm LLC for \$310,00.
784 Smithfield Road — 2 bedroom/1 bath contemporary home built in 2000 sold to Ardian Hasko for \$575,000.
201 Beilke Road — 3 bedroom/1 bath home on .8 acres sold to Carrie-Ann Dance for \$365,000.
Rudd Pond Road (#620671)

— 1.05 acre residential lot sold to Robert P. Wright for \$69,000.
Quarry Hill Drive (#500970) — 2.89 acre residential lot in Boston Corners sold to Bart Schwartz Trustee for \$100,000.
Silver Mountain Road (#922295) — 5.01 acre vacant parcel sold to Bradley Butts for \$50,000.
*Town of North East and Village of Millerton property transfers from August and September 2025, are sourced

from Dutchess County Real Property Office monthly reports. Details on property from Dutchess Parcel Access. Actual parcel numbers indicated by (#____) are included for properties without specific street address. Note that transfers may lag the date of closed sales. Market data from OneKey MLS and Inforsparks. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office Harlem Valley area activity report Oct. 9 to Oct. 22
Oct. 12 — Deputies report the arrest of Ronald Arndt, age 70, for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree during a traffic stop at 3183 Route 22 in the Town of Dover. Arndt to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date.
Oct. 12 — Deputies responded to 116 Charles Colman Blvd. in the Village of Pawling for a domestic dispute at that location. Matter resolved without further police intervention.
Oct. 17 — Deputies responded to 123 Route 44 in Millerton for a hit and run that caused property damage in which the offending vehicle fled the scene leaving its bumper behind. The offending vehicle was located in the area of 72 Main St. in Millerton. Subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Miguel Guarcas Cipriano, age 54, for driving while intoxicated. Cipriano to appear

in the Town of North East Court at a later date.
Oct. 18 — Deputies responded to 8 Willow Lane in the Town of Amenia for a neighbor dispute. Both parties were told to stay away from the other. No further police action needed.
Oct. 21 — Deputies responded to the area of 3306 Route 343 in the Town of Amenia to investigate verbal domestic disturbance. Matter resolved without further police intervention.
PLEASE NOTE: All subjects arrested and charged are alleged to have committed the crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty and are to appear in local courts later.
If you have any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office tip line at 845 605 CLUE (2583) or Email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

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